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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2006. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and for the suggestions for overcoming some of the claim objections in the application.

By the present Amendment, rejected claims 1, 2 and 8 have been canceled, without prejudice to the applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter of these claims by way of a continuation application. In addition, claims 4-7 and 11 have been amended to correct informalities noted in the claim objections and 35 USC §112, second paragraph, claim rejections. Therefore, removal of the objections to the claims and the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection set forth in the Office Action is respectfully requested. Also by the present Amendment, claims 9 and 10 have each been rewritten into independent form to incorporate all subject matter of their parent claim 8 (which has correspondingly been canceled). In light of the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9 and 10, if rewritten into independent form to incorporate all limitations of their parent claim, allowance of these claims 9 and 10 is now respectfully requested. With regard to this, it is noted that the subject matter of claim 8 incorporated into claims 9 and 10 has been amended to correct the minor informality noted in the claim objection in the first paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action.

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By virtue of the present Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in the application (that is, claims 4-7 and 9-11) are now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1374.45249X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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